

My name is Mikaela Caracciolo and I am a Project SEARCH intern at Bozeman Deaconess Health Services in Bozeman. Being in this program has given me a sense of purpose and self confidence that I was lacking before this program. This program has also been beneficial to the host site. It has shown them that me and my classmates are more capable than they thought we were because of our disabilities.

Before I began as a Project SEARCH intern I was employed at TJ MAXX and I only worked two or three days a week for four hours at a time. When I did not work I was at home and not feeling a sense of accomplishment. Not having a sense of accomplishment made me feel bad about myself and hurt my self esteem. Now that I have a sense of accomplishment I have better self esteem.

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